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Number of deaths reported during March, 1902 (a)	96
Number of deaths reported during March, 1901 (a)	127
Number of births reported during March, 1902 (a)	149
Number of births reported during March, 1901 (a)	66

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Summary of transactions of service during the month of March, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *April 7, 1902.*

Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1902	18
Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1901	16
Total number of bills of health issued during March, 1902	36
Total number of bills of health issued during March, 1901	29
Number of passengers inspected during March, 1902 (incoming)	201
Number of passengers inspected during March, 1902 (in transit)	344
Number of crew inspected during March, 1902	845
Number of vessels in quarantine during March, 1902	4
Number of immigrants inspected during March, 1902	40
Rejections	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during March, 1902	91
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during March, 1902	82
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during March, 1902	3

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended April 5, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *April 7, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 5, 1902. April 2, steamship *Maracaibo*, from Maracaibo and Curaçao, with 1 immigrant. April 4, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Fort de France and Saint Thomas, with 1 immigrant. Total, 2.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended April 5, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 8, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 5, 1902. April 3, French steamship *St. Simon*, from Havre, Bordeaux, and Saint Thomas, West Indies, with 4 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone.*—Three weeks ended March 20, 1902. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 50. No contagious diseases reported.

BRAZIL—*Pernambuco.*—Two weeks ended February 28, 1902. Esti-